



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE115634
 Application No.: 09/620,953 Group Art Unit: 3761 #6
 Filed: July 21, 2000 Examiner: D. Ruhl
 Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE CONTAINING
 UNITARY STRATIFIED COMPOSITE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

January 31, 2002

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	67	-	67	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	12	-	12	=	0	x	84	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Additional Documents

Also transmitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Pending Application and our Check No. 135720 in the amount of \$110.00 for the terminal disclaimer fee.

C. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 31, 2001, set to expire on October 31, 2001, be extended by

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3 months, to expire on January 31, 2002. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$920.00.

D. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 135721 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the request for extension of time fee.

E. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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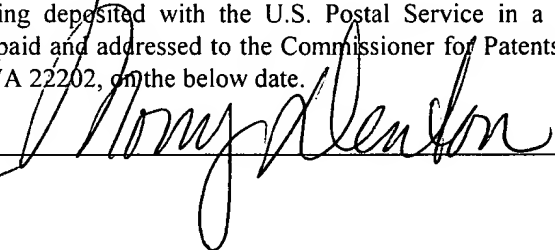


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